

Hurley Reformed Church
First Sunday after Epiphany
Baptism of the Lord
January 10, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Rev. William Appleyard-Pekich, Pastor
Jane Barsumian, Organist and Choir Director

MORNING WORSHIP

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord
glory and strength.

All: **Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord
in holy splendor.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory
thunders, the Lord over mighty waters.

All: **The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full
of majesty.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the
cedars of Lebanon.

All: **He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young
wild ox.**

Leader: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned
as king forever.

All: **May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless
his people with peace!**

HYMN OF APPROACH: #212, "Tell me the Old, Old Story"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, we come before you celebrating your
Epiphany. We celebrate that you revealed yourself to us. But our
hearts are heavy because we know that we have not always
walked in ways which bring glory to you. Grant us Lord, the ability
to walk as you lead us, to follow in the path you. When we are
tired enliven us, when we are weighed down lift us up. In your
holy name, Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON [Words and music found on the inside cover of hymnal.]

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND SUMMARY OF GOD'S LAW

RESPONSIVE READING:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, **let me sow love.**

Where there is injury, **pardon.**

Where there is doubt, **faith.**

Where there is despair, **hope.**

Where there is darkness, **light.**

Where there is sadness, **joy.**

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled,
to be understood, **as to understand;**

to be loved, **as to love.**

**For it is in giving that we receive. It is in pardoning that we are
pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to
eternal life. Amen.**

GLORIA PATRI [Words and music found on inside cover of hymnal.]

CHILDREN'S SERMON

children leave for Sunday School

THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #298, "Spirit of God, Descend upon my Heart"

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Old Testament: Psalm 29

New Testament: Mark 1:4-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: "Beginning with a Baptism"

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY [Words and music found on inside cover of hymnal.]

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MORNING PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (debt/debtors)

HYMN OF CONSECRATION: #202, "We Three Kings"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Reach out to those who need your support in their day to day needs:

Carla Campuzano is at home recuperating from surgery; Bill Baldinger at home recuperating; June Van der Laan is home; Rev. Stickley is at home recuperating; Gene Groelle is in Woodland Ponds; Jim and Sheila Craven are home; Alice Presti has moved to North Carolina nearer her daughter; Bev Roosa is at the Terraces at Brookmeade; Shirley Ruth is in Mountain Valley Manor; Fred Horvers at TenBroeck; Lori Pinkham in Wingate at Ulster; Anthony DiPietro (son of MaryAnn DiPietro), Marie Dressel; Philip Greer.

Audio recordings of the weekly sermon are available on our website, HurleyReformedChurch.org.



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Stickley Gardens Columbarium . . . A sacred place of beauty and contemplation.
(Located on the south lawn of the church.)

The lone candle on the chancel is our Peace Candle. It represents this church's support for the men and women in military service, and our prayer that one day we will live in a world where their sacrifice is no longer needed.

Hurley Reformed Church
Hurley, New York

The Rev. William Appleyard-Pekich
Minister of Word and Sacrament

Welcome

*May the doors of this church be wide enough
to receive all who need human love and fellowship, and a Father's care;
and narrow enough to shut out all envy and hate.*

Enter to Worship

Depart to Serve

#212 Tell me the Old, Old Story

1. Tell me the old, old story
Of unseen things above --
Of Jesus and His glory,
Of Jesus and His love.
Tell me the story simply,
As to a little child;
For I am weak and weary,
And helpless and defiled. Tell me the old, old story,

Refrain:

- Tell me the old, old story,
Tell me the old, old story,
Of Jesus and His love.
2. Tell me the story slowly,
That I may take it in—
That wonderful redemption,
God's remedy for sin.
Tell me the story often,
For I forget so soon.
The early dew of morning
Has passed away at noon.
 3. Tell me the same old story,
When you have cause to fear
That this world's empty glory
Is costing me too dear.
Yes, and when that world's glory
Is dawning on my soul,
Tell me the old, old story:
"Christ Jesus makes thee whole."

#298 Spirit of God, Descend upon my Heart

1. Spirit of God, descend upon my heart.
Wean it from earth; through all its pulses move.
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,
And make me love Thee as I ought to love.
2. Hast Thou not bid me love Thee, God and King?
All, all Thine own -- soul, heart and strength and mind.
I see Thy cross-- there teach my heart to cling.
Oh, let me seek Thee, and, oh, let me find!
3. Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh.
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh:
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.
4. Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame;
The baptism of the heav'n-descended Dove --
My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.

#202 We Three Kings

1. We three kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts we traverse afar--
Field and fountain, moor and mountain--
Following yonder star.
 - *Refrain:*
O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.
2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown Him again--
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign.
3. Frankincense to offer have I;
Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, all men raising--
Worship Him, God on high.
4. Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom--
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone cold tomb.
5. Glorious now behold Him arise--
King and God and Sacrifice.
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Earth to heaven replies.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR January 10, 2021

Welcome to Hurley Reformed Church! Ages ago, three pilgrims set out on a long and uncertain journey in search of the promised Messiah. Their quest was gloriously rewarded, thanks to the guiding star. We believe that God rejoices in having you here today and pray that your search for God will be rewarded beyond your expectations. Say hello to Rev. Bill.

Ushers assisting in the service are Doug Constant and Allan Dumas
Tune your car radio to 94.9 FM for the service.
Please stay in your car and wave your hellos!

Women's Bible Study. Women's Bible Study will meet via Zoom on January 6 and January 20, 2021 at 10 a.m. *Studying The Twelve Extraordinary Women.* The author: John MacArthur. We will be studying the Third Chapter: RAHAB. All are welcomed to join us! Let me know so that Rev. Bill can add you to his list. Will of course need your email address! Blessings, Rev. Deb Zuill

In Person Worship has been postponed until January 17. If you wish to worship in person, please call the office for reservations by Wednesday.

Reopening Committee: If you want to be part of the planning for reopening, please contact Rev. Bill. Everyone and everyone's input are welcome.

Rev Bill will be available for visits (with social distancing protocols). Contact the church to request a visit.

Do you have happy news you want to share? Coffee hour isn't available to us so we are all missing out on opportunities to catch up with each other -- good news or bad. If you have a happening that you want to share with your church family, let the office know. We can/will publish it in the Spire and/or in the bulletin. This can be a vital way to connect with each other.

The mission of the month for January is the Reservoir Pantry.

Deacon of the month is Chris Decker. Contact him at 518-669-1512 if you need a deacon's assistance.

By order of the Consistory, Hurley Reformed Church's building is closed for the duration of the Coronavirus State of Emergency. Only essential workers (as defined by the state of emergency) are allowed in the building. Apologies for the inconvenience. Your safety and health are the greatest priority. Be safe.

The **bathroom** is available during services for urgent situations only. If you use the bathroom, please sanitize with the Clorox wipes found in the unisex rest room.

Bulletin: If you need a bulletin mailed to you, please let Dorothy know by Tuesday. Include your address and other pertinent information.